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Dear Frank,

You asked us to list the questions we would like answered regarding the New Bedford site.

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-- How much money has been spent on the site to date? How much of that is from the EPA operating budget, and how much from Superfund? How much more is budgeted, and from what source?

-- What are the projected risks associated with PCB pollution at this site? What is the cost/benefit analysis of cleaning up the harbor?

-- May we see the community relations file for this site? Also, all public comments on the first RAMP?

-- May we see the interoffice memoranda from headquarters regarding enforcement action in the New Bedford Harbor site?

-- Have any other projects advanced as far as a RAMP, and then restructured a management program to develop a new RI/FS? How much money has been expended to that end?

-- What is the role of state government in Superfund cleanups?

-- What is the stated role of public involvement in Superfund cleanups, and how much money has been expended by the EPA to that end?

— Can you rank for us the status of the site in comparison with all others in the nation in the following categories:

- money spent to date
- number of contractors involved
- number of governmental agencies involved
- number of project managers over history of site
- potential natural resource damage
- potential liability for polluters

-- What was the impetus for conducting a fast track feasibility study on the so-called hot spots in the northern part of the estuary? When did the EPA select the no-action alternative to containing those hot spots?

-- Why was the public comment period following the release of the RAMP extended on two occasions?

We will be in Boston reviewing court documents from December 8th to 10th. We would also like to review the public comments of the original RI/FS conducted in the summer of 1984. We found last week's meeting most informative. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,


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